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DEPT FOR IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAMUEL W. LEWIS

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SUBJ: SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON UGANDA EVENTS; LEWIS VISIT

REF: BOGOTA 7039 (NOTAL)

1. I SPOKE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER LIEVANO LAST NIGHT AND EXPRESSED OUR APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPPORT HE HAD GIVEN US WITH RESPECT TO PANAMA'S POSITION ON THE SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS (REF-TEL). (LIEVANO HAD PANAMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER BOYD ON THE TELEPHONE WITHIN 90 MINUTES OF THE TIME WE FIRST MADE OUR REPRESENTATIONS TO UNDER-SECRETARY FONSECA.)
2. LIEVANO REITERATED TO ME HIS APPROVAL OF THE JOINT US/UK RESOLUTION AND SAID THAT HE THOUGHT IT HAD BEEN BRILLIANTLY DRAFTED. HE EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE PANAMANIAN WERE UNWILLING TO GO BEYOND THEIR POSITION OF ABSTAINING ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.
3. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ABOUT COLOMBIAN AND VENEZUELAN

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PLANS FOR AN ANTI-TERRORIST MEASURE, LIEVANO SAID THAT IT WAS NOW

EXPECTED THAT THEY WOULD TABLE A JOINT RESOLUTION AT THE FORTH-COMING REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE INDICATED THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD ATTEMPT A DEFINITION OF "TERRORISM" AND, JUDGING FROM COMMENTS BY FONSECA, I BELIEVE THIS REFLECTS VENEZUELAN DESIRES. (UCXER-SECRETARY FONSECA HAD INDICATED EARLIER IN THE DAY TO US THAT THE COLOMBIANS THEMSELVES WOULD PREFER TO CITE IN THE RESOLUTION SPECIFIC EXPAMPLES OF TERRORIST ACTS AND THEREBY AVOID THE PROBLEM OF A DEFINITION.) LIEVANO SAID THAT HE VERY MUCH LOOKED FORWARD TO EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH ASSISTANT-SECRETARY LEWIS ON THIS SUBJECT DURING HIS VISIT LATER THIS MONTH. LIEVANO HAS AGREED TO MEET WITH ASSISTANT-SECRETARY LEWIS AT 4:30 P.M. ON JULY 28TH. THE APPOINTMENT WE HAD MISTAKENLY MADE WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR JULY 29 HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED AND IT WILL THEREFORE NOT BE NECESSARY FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY LEWIS TO CHANGE HIS TRAVEL PLANS. IF ASSISTANT-SECRETARY LEWIS HAS NO OBJECTION I WOULD HOPE TO RESCHEDULE MY DINNER FOR HIM TO THE EVENING OF JULY 28.

4. LIEVANO ASKED THAT WE PROVIDE HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WITH A LIST OF OTHER SUBJECTS THAT ASSISTANT-SECRETARY LEWIS PLANS TO RAISE SO THAT APPROPRIATE BRIEFING PAPERS CAN BE PREPARED. PLEASE ADVISE.

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